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AGENDA

Local Government Interim Committee November 8-9, 2017 Room 152, State Capitol

NOTE: Agenda times are approximate. Some items may take more or less time than is allotted.

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

- 1:00 Call to order, roll call - Sen. Roger Webb, Chair
- 1:05 Agenda review, work plan updates - Leanne Kurtz, Committee staff
- 1:15 SJR 21 study of emergency medical and volunteer firefighter systems
- Review study resolution and previous discussions
 - EMS Grant Program administered by Montana Department of Transportation - Janet Kenny, MDT Highway Traffic Safety Supervisor
 - SJR 32 study of community paramedicine: overview of Economic Affairs activities - Leanne Kurtz, Local Government Committee staff
 - 2008 EMS Program Audit: DPHHS/DLI responses and updates, Jim DeTienne, Section Supervisor, DPHHS EMS and Trauma Systems Section; Judy Bovington, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Labor and Industry
 - DNRC County Co-op program overview - Mike DeGrosky, DNRC Fire and Aviation Bureau Chief
 - Mutual Aid - Bob Drake, Chief, Tri-Lakes Fire Department
 - Volunteer firefighters by the numbers -- number of districts, total number of firefighters, total enrolled in VFR, estimated with/without workers comp - Leonard Lundby, Montana Fire Alliance
 - Local authority to regulate fireworks - Ginger Aldrich, Staff Attorney
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, next steps

- 3:00 HJR 25 Study of Municipal Fire Departments
- Review study resolution and previous discussions
 - Municipal classifications - Leanne Kurtz
 - Evolution of 7-33-4101, MCA - Leanne Kurtz
 - Overview of Washington's Regional Fire Authority - Leanne Kurtz
 - Other states' service delivery options - Ginger Aldrich, Staff Attorney
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, next steps
- 3:45 Panel Discussion: 2017 Fire Season and Impacts to Local Fire Departments (portions of SJR 21 and SJR 25 studies). Local fire representatives in attendance may address the following items:
- recap 2017 season and local resources, response, costs
 - describe what worked, what didn't
 - describe where gaps may be in the system
 - offer ideas on policies the Legislature could pursue to strengthen local entity response
 - discuss emerging service delivery models with paid/volunteer combination
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, next steps
- 5:00 Recess

Thursday, November 9, 2017

- 8:00 Reconvene
- 8:05 MSU Local Government Center overview - Dan Clark, Director, Local Government Center
- 8:45 Local Government Budgeting Workshop - Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties; Kim Smith, Bureau Chief, Department of Administration Local Government Services Bureau
- 11:45 Lunch
- 12:30 Entitlement Share - origins
- Local Government Funding and Structure Committee members - Harold Blattie, Bob Story, Susan Nicosia

- 1:30 Land Use and Housing
- DEQ Subdivision and Development Advisory Council - Tim Davis, Department of Environmental Quality Water Quality Division Administrator
- 2:00 Bridge and Road Safety and Accountability Act (HB 473)
- Guidance document - Eric Bryson, Assistant Director, MACo; Kelly Lynch, Deputy Director, Montana League of Cities and Towns; Larry Flynn, Administrator, Department of Transportation Administration Division
 - Projected March 2018 distribution
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions
- 3:00 HJR 18 TIF study
- RTIC activity update - Megan Moore, RTIC staff
 - Joint meeting with RTIC in March - what to expect
- 3:30 Public comment on any item within the Local Government Committee's subject matter jurisdiction
- 4:00 March meeting preview
- 4:15 Adjourn

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